

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1-4, 6-30, and 37-39 are now pending. Claim 27 is amended only to correct a minor typographical error (i.e., "couple" changed to "coupled") with no change in scope. No new matter is added.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that all claims are allowed, except for claims 31-34. Accordingly, claims 31-34 are canceled to expedite allowance.

It is therefore believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or believe an interview with Applicant's representative would be beneficial, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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